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SUBJECT: HORIZONTAL G-8 MEETING, APRIL 25

1. CANADIAN CO-CHAIRMAN'S REP (MICHEL DUPUY) OPENED
DISCUSSION BY STATING GENERAL G-8 OBJECTIVES AT

CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETINGS SHOULD BE TO RELAUNCH CONFERENCE WITHOUT ACRIMONY AND TO CONFIRM RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF CONTACT GROUPS (ALREADY AGREED TO BY CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRMEN). ON NEGATIVE SIDE, DUPUY SAID G-8 SHOULD AVOID ANY INVITATION FOR CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING TO LAY DOWN SUBSTANTIVE GUIDANCE TO CONTACT GROUPS OR TO DRAFT COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE. IN ADDITION TO AGREEMENT WITH GENERAL OBJECTIVES AS DEFINED BY DUPUY, SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION REVEALED CONSENSUS THAT (1) ATTENDANCE AT CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETINGS SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO THE 10 CO-CHAIRMEN THEMSELVES AND THEIR PERSONAL AIDES, THOUGH IF G-19 INSISTED OTHERS MIGHT BE ADMITTED AS OBSERVERS WITHOUT RIGHT TO SPEAK; (2) G-8 SHOULD AGREE TO RE-ESTABLISH CONTACT GROUPS AS THEY EXISTED LAST NOVEMBER RATHER THAN ENGAGE IN TIME-CONSUMING ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE CONTACT GROUP STRUCTURE THOUGH, IF G-19 CONSENT WERE FORTHCOMING, CONTACT GROUPS IN CERTAIN COMMISSIONS MIGHT BE RATIONALIZED (E.G., THREE ENERGY CONTACT GROUPS MIGHT BE CONSOLIDATED INTO SINGLE GROUP) OR ALTOGETHER ELIMINATED (E.G., INFLATION); (3) APRIL 29 - MAY 14 PERIOD SHOULD BE CONCEIVED AS "WINDOW" DURING WHICH CONTACT GROUPS COULD MEET, BUT INDIVIDUAL GROUPS WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO MEET DURING ENTIRE PERIOD; (4) RECONVENING OF COMMISSIONS MIGHT BE USEFUL AND THIS SHOULD BE LEFT OPEN AS POSSIBILITY; (5) RANGE OF DISCUSSION IN CONTACT GROUPS WOULD UNAVOIDABLY COVER WHOLE GAMUT OF ISSUES, INCLUDING THOSE ON WHICH G-8 HAD YET TO CRYSTALLIZE COMMON POSITION; AND (6) PROGRESS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTACT GROUPS WOULD DEPEND LARGELY ON EFFECTIVENESS OF G-8 COORDINATION. TO THIS END, VERTICAL G-8'S WOULD MEET FREQUENTLY (AS DETERMINED BY EACH COMMISSION CO-CHAIRMAN) AND HORIZONTAL G-8 WOULD BE CONVENED BY CANADIANS EVERY TWO OR THREE DAYS (AND MORE FREQUENTLY -- PERHAPS DAILY -- DURING CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING). IN ORDER TO FREE CANADIANS FROM HAVING TO MAKE GENERAL INFORMATION REPORTS AT OPENING OF EACH G-8, DUPUY STATED CANADIANS WERE CONSIDERING OPENING OPERATIONS ROOM WHERE THEY COULD CONTINUALLY BRIEF G-8 DELEGATIONS ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS.

2. OBSERVERS AT MINISTERIAL: DUPUY ANNOUNCED CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRMEN HAD TENTATIVELY AGREED THAT ALL OBSERVERS DURING THE CIEC COMMISSION SESSIONS WOULD BE INVITED TO SIT AS OBSERVERS AT MAY/JUNE MINISTERIAL (UNLIKE OPENING CIEC MINISTERIAL). DUPUY ASKED DELS TO INFORM HIM BILATERALLY IF THIS

ARRANGEMENT POSED PROBLEMS TO THEM.

3. NATURE AND FORM OF FINAL RESULTS OF CIEC: DUPUY
REPORTED THAT ALTHOUGH ON TWO OCCASIONS PEREZ GUERRERO
HAD SUGGESTED THEY (THE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN) WOULD NEED
TO TAKE IT UP, HE HAD NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DRAW
VENEZUELANES INTO DISCUSSION OF NATURE AND
FORM OF FINAL CIEC RESULTS. DUPUY WAS, HOWEVER, UNDER

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IMPRESSION THAT G-19 WAS CURRENTLY STUDYING THIS QUESTION CLOSELY. DURING FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, SEVERAL DELS STATED THEY FELT CANADIAN PAPER ON STRUCTURE CIRCULATED LAST FALL -- WHICH CALLS FOR FINAL CIEC DOCUMENT TO INCLUDE CHAPEAU, SUCCINCT OPERATIONAL LANGUAGE AND DETAILED RESULTS OF EACH COMMISSION'S DELIBERATIONS -- COULD STILL SERVE AS BASIS FOR G-8 POSITION. US DEL (BOSWORTH) SUGGESTED THAT FINAL DOCUMENT MIGHT BE CONCEIVED OF AS HAVING THREE TIERS: FIRST TIER WOULD CONSIST OF THREE TO FIVE PAGES OF TIGHT LANGUAGE, COVERING TEN TO FIFTEEN MAJOR AREAS OF SUBSTANCE CONSTITUTING A PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION ON WHICH MINISTERS MIGHT AGREE. SINCE THIS WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO MEET POLITICAL NEEDS OF G-19, DOCUMENT COULD CONTAIN SECOND TIER SUMMARIZING RESULTS IN EACH COMMISSION AND POSSIBLE THIRD TIER CONSISTING OF ALL PAPERS AUTHORED BY CONTACT GROUPS. US DEL ALSO NOTED THAT DEGREE OF COMMITMENT OF FINAL LANGUAGE WAS OF COURSE MATTER FOR NEGOTIATION WITH G-19. DUPUY AGREED THAT TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO G-19 FINAL DOCUMENT WOULD HAVE TO ENCOMPASS ALL G-77 PROBLEMS, AND ADDED THAT IT NECESSARILY WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE SOME AGREEMENTS (CIEC'S SUCCESS OR FAILURE WOULD BE JUDGED BY AGREEMENT IT REACHED) AND SOME DIS-AGREEMENTS (TO SAFEGUARD FUTURE POSITIONS OF PARTICIPANTS). OTHER DELS ANTICIPATED THAT IN VIEW OF FREQUENT G-8 INABILITY TO REACH COMPLETE CONSENSUS, SOME G-8'S MIGHT WISH TO RESERVE ON CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF FINAL DOCUMENT -- THOUGH IT WAS GENERAL FEELING THAT SUCH RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM. G-8 DECIDED TO RETURN TO THIS SUBJECT AT END OF WEEK AFTER INDICATION OF G-19'S VIEWS.

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4. PUBLIC RELATIONS: DUPUY RECALLED THAT AT THE LAST

G-8 IT WAS AGREED THAT A CANADIAN SPOKESMAN WOULD BE
APPOINTED TO COORDINATE G-8 PUBLIC RELATIONS AND
ANNOUNCED THAT MR. PAUL DOUCET HAD BEEN SELECTED
FOR THIS POSITION. DUPUY SAID DOUCET HAD LONG
EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC RELATIONS AND HAD ALSO BEEN
ACTIVE IN CIEC MEETINGS LAST SUMMER AND FALL.
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